



(Tim Nicholas Photo)

Experienced Campers Take Umbrellas

Rain, the bane of campers, waited until the last day of a weekend rally for Baptist campers to strike. The weekend was far from ruined and participants set up organization for an ongoing Christian campers organization in Mississippi. See inside for more pictures and story.

Mission Gifts Rise 10.6% Above 1976

Through nine months of 1977 the churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention have contributed \$5,924,806 through the offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer for the convention, said these gifts have been channeled through the Cooperative Program, the uniform, voluntary system of supporting the convention's missions efforts in Mississippi and around the world.

The nine months' contribution brought the missions gifts to 70.5 per cent of the annual budget of \$8.4 million. The gifts through September are 10.6 per cent above those for the same period of last year, Kelly said.

For the month of September the Cooperative gifts were \$720,117, the third highest for the nine-month period. Only August, with the largest total gifts in the history of the convention at \$783,531, and June, with \$725,604, have been larger.

The September gifts were 9.9 per cent higher than for the same period of last year.

"Mississippi Baptists are missions minded," said Kelly. "This is demonstrated by the fact that gifts have increased in just a few months from being just under 4 per cent above last year to the point of being 10.6 per cent above last year. As has been true through the years, Mississippi will continue to contribute both lives and money in significant ways to Bold Mission Thrust."

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Joint Committee Votes Rights Stand

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Representatives of major Baptist bodies in America strongly supported "human rights" throughout the world during the semi-annual meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

After hearing a report on the Helsinki Accord, signed by 35 nations, and anticipating the assembly of signatory nations at Belgrade for the implementation of the "Helsinki Final Act," the Baptist Joint Committee reiterated its stand for human rights.

Specifically, the Baptists voted "that we affirm our strong belief that all nations which are signatories to the Helsinki Accord should seek to show in every way possible respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief."

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, said, "The need is for the churches to help furnish direction for, not directives to, the social and political order."

"Meanwhile, impelled by Christian faith, as Baptists, we must not fail now or in the future, to identify ourselves with the cause of human rights for all persons everywhere."

In another action the Baptist Joint Committee expressed alarm at the threats to religious liberty and human rights in the United States if forces to call a constitutional convention to amend the U.S. Constitution are successful. John W. Baker, director of re-

search services for the committee said, "I don't think that the Bill of Rights and separation of church and state would have a ghost of a chance in a new constitutional convention."

The committee voted for its staff "to move forward vigorously with a review of concerns that would involve human rights in a constitutional convention" and report back to the March meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee.

Woods also reported to the committee general alarm among religious groups about declining religious liberty in Egypt. According to Wood, there are pending threats of execution for anyone in Egypt who converts from the Muslim faith to another religion. He said that a delegation of American church people may visit Egypt in December to investigate the violation of

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International Picnic At Ole Miss

Members of First Baptist Church, Water Valley, joined with the University of Mississippi, BSU, to sponsor a picnic for international students at the Baptist Student Center. Sixty-five internationals from seven countries attended the social event which included good food and games. Some internationals made their first hamburgers with all the fixin's having been in the U. S. for less than one month. They also participated in "way out" games led by BSU students. New friendships were made in the spirit of Christian love. Other international activities planned for the year include cultural dialogues, State International Retreat, Valentine Banquet, and a Bible distribution. Tim Sullivan of Jackson leads the BSU in its ministry to the 350 international students on the Ole Miss campus.

Baptists Discuss Tax Reform Inequities

The ranking minority member of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee has said he would be glad to consider introducing a bill into the Congress which would repeal the 1969 provision which added the term "integrated auxiliaries" of churches to the tax code.

He is U.S. Rep. Barber Conable, (R-N.Y.), and he made the statement at a Baptist Conference on "Taxation and the Free Exercise of Religion" in Washington, D.C.

The House Ways and Means Committee is the congressional body which must consider all tax legislation.

The Internal Revenue Service, a subdivision of the Treasury Department, issued regulations defining "integrated auxiliaries" after Congress used that language.

Numerous religious groups have protested the regulations, claiming that by defining what is an integrated auxiliary of a church, government has stepped into unconstitutional territory and tried to define religion. Not only do the churches disagree with the definitions the IRS has offered, they object to government assuming the right or ability to do so at all.

Conable also noted that most taxpayers assume that "tax reform" means "tax relief." "That isn't so," he said. "We, in Congress, mean 'revenue neutral' when we talk about tax reform. What we give you in apples we'll take away in oranges."

Hurt Charitable Giving

To illustrate his point, Conable explained that raising the standard deduction, a priority of the administration, would probably hurt charitable giving. As the standard deduction rises, more taxpayers use that rather than itemizing their tax returns. The tax incentive for charitable giving is therefore decreased, Conable suggested.

On the other hand, a proposal that may be a part of President Carter's tax reform package would replace the charitable deduction with a tax credit for charitable giving, Conable said. This would be allowed on top of the standard deduction. He theorized that this would encourage increased charitable contributions.

John W. Baker, associate director of research services of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, asserted that "inequality of treatment is built into the Internal Revenue Code and into the regulations of Internal Revenue Service."

Baker stressed that this inequality is not deliberate but rather the result of differences in church structure among American religious bodies which government does not understand.

He described three classes of churches: hierarchical, quasi-hierarchical, and congregational. The organization structures of these groups range from those with clear lines of control, responsibility, and authority to those without such lines of control, according to Baker.

Most tax regulations, Baker said, fail to take these differences into consideration and thus discriminate against religious groups in all three classes.

Baker suggested that churches must

assume responsibility for educating both church members and lawmakers about these differences and challenge unequal treatment wherever it occurs.

Opposing Viewpoints

Opposing viewpoints on the question of whether churches should be taxed were heard during the conference.

Participants at the conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs heard Dean M. Kelley, staff associate for religious and civil liberty of the National Council of Churches, defend the historic tax exemption enjoyed by the churches. Arguments favoring the taxation of churches were advanced by Hope Eastman, a Washington, D.C., attorney who also specializes in the civil liberties field.

Kelley, author of a recent book, "Why Churches Should Not Be Taxed," has argued that "religion is entitled to special civil treatment" because it performs a "special function" within society.

To the difficult question of what constitutes a legitimate church, Kelley proposed the rationale that "any organization performing the function of religion — explaining the ultimate meaning of life for its adherents — is entitled to the status of 'church'."

Eastman, who formerly belonged to the Washington legal staff of the American Civil Liberties Union, and

was active in the fight against overturning the Supreme Court's prayer and Bible reading decisions, said that in her view "churches should be taxed" to help insure the absolute separation of church and state.

She argued that recent Supreme Court decisions which have supposedly attempted to clarify the special constitutional status of churches have actually created more confusion, with the result that government is now

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Editorial

Church News Is Important

The BAPTIST RECORD receives news from around the world and across the nation by means of news services available for our use. All of this material is gleaned daily to find what is important so that it can be passed on to our readers.

Our most important area of news, however, has no organized reporting effort. The reference is to the churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention. While we use only a portion of the news that comes to us from outside of Mississippi, we try to use everything in some fashion that comes from a Mississippi Baptist Church.

There have been policies established for some time relative to some categories of activities that kept us from using such material. Particularly notable were choir trips and GA coronations. We may be deluged and have to cry "enough," but these events represent news of local churches, and we want to try to use them.

Let us encourage churches to send in news of any item they feel is of interest. We may not get to use them all, but we will do the best we can. We feel this is important. — DTM

Hospital Ministry Opens Way For Indian Witness

BANGALORE, India (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries report increasing response to the gospel, especially in village work that has been started through contacts with the Baptist hospital here.

In the first six months of this year, 73 people were baptized, compared to 84 for the entire year of 1976. During the past year, all of the missionaries have been emphasizing the strategy of establishing home Bible reading groups, according to Rebekah A. Naylor, Southern Baptist missionary physician and press representative.

"Family members and neighbors are asked to read the Bible aloud each day, and as leaders evolve in these groups, the pastor will teach and train these leaders," Dr. Naylor said.

In the past year more than 2,000 definite contacts were made through the hospital evangelistic program and there were 244 professions of faith. "Many of these are now preparing for baptism," Dr. Naylor continued.

As an example of the witnessing opportunities which the hospital provides, Dr. Naylor told of a critically ill baby brought to the hospital staff. The newborn was given the best possible care and the parents came to see that baby each day.

"As they came, they heard the good news of Jesus Christ," Dr. Naylor said. "When the child was ready to go

home, the father said that Jesus was going to their home with that baby. He felt that God had saved his baby's life."

Dr. Naylor told another story of a patient, Yellamma, who had been admitted to the hospital. Yellamma needed a major operation, but refused for a long time to have it. Finally she did agree to the surgery.

During her recuperation she regularly attended the Sunday service for patients, and various pastors and staff members witnessed to her. Then, because of some complications, a second operation became necessary. Dr. Naylor said she dreaded having to convince her of the need for surgery, but this time she found that Yellamma consented immediately.

"I am not afraid; I have Jesus with me now," the woman said.

As she was released from the hospital, Yellamma took a Bible home with her and would not leave until two Christian staff members of the hospital could go with her to her home for prayer.

During their annual meeting in July, missionaries pointed out that older, existing churches are being led to greater involvement in witnessing and to a more active role in their own support.

As an example of some of the greater involvement in witnessing by these

older churches Dr. Naylor pointed to their participation in a ministry begun in the Karnataka area about 18 months ago. This central area of India is about 100 miles from the hospital in Bangalore and new work is primarily in the camps of Telugu people.

In July a new church fellowship was formed in the Karnataka area with 11 new believers being baptized.

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One hundred and five women registered for the Baptist Women Retreat.

Assignment: Memorize Sermon On The Mount

By Anne McWilliams

One hundred and five Baptist Women were all ears when Frances Tyler said, "You can be great." Mrs. Tyler was teaching Josephine Pile's book, *The Listening Woman*. "But if you would be great," she said, "then get up and serve. . . . It's rough when you try to live by the Sermon on the Mount."

"The Listening Woman" was the theme of the Baptist Women Retreat held Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 at Camp Garaywa and sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union. Ethel McKeithen, Baptist Women consultant, directed the retreat.

Mrs. Tyler, Bible professor at Blue Mountain College and wife of the late Wilfred Tyler, former president of Blue Mountain, told the audience that she was present at the first Baptist student conference at Ridgecrest, held in the 1920's and directed by Frank Leavell. She remembered that Dr. Leavell had asked everyone to memorize the Sermon on the Mount. She had accepted the challenge. "I was working on the staff at Ridgecrest

that summer," she said. "I remember dragging my mattress out on the roof, and lying there looking at the stars and thinking about those chapters."

One section of *The Listening Woman* is called "You Can Be Great." Its central truth is this: In the kingdom of God the qualifications for being great are opposite to the world's qualifications for greatness. In the kingdom of God the nobodies are the somebodies.

Other speakers at the retreat were Mrs. Robert Holifield, missionary to Italy; Mrs. Alex McKeigney, member of First Church, Jackson; and Edwina Robinson, Jackson, retired WMU executive secretary.

Mrs. Holifield told how that as missionary in Italy she had seen Christ make a difference in people's lives.

With several other Baptist women she often visited a certain market. One day a merchant at the marketplace said to her, "You and your friends are different. I can take the cover off all my wares while you are here and I know you won't steal anything." She explained to the man that Christ made the difference.

She told the story of a young man who took countless baths, but could never feel clean. When the man accepted Christ as his Saviour, he no longer felt the need for constant baths. He radiantly went about telling people that Christ had cleaned him "from the inside out." His enthusiasm was so great that sometimes people asked, "Is he drunk?" "In his life," Mrs. Holifield said, "Christ had made a difference."

Miss Robinson during her talk at the beginning of each session introduced missionary prayer needs. She mentioned that next year will be the 20th anniversary of Southern Baptist work in New York, and that she hopes to be there for the celebration.

Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, Mississippi WMU, and Frances Smira, state WMU president, talked about Baptist Women events that are planned for next year in the state. Among those events will be the

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Oct. 30 Is Sunday School High Attendance Day. Goal: 225,000



Campers On Mission Form Statewide Organization

By Tim Nicholas

The first weekend meeting of the Campers on Mission of Mississippi ended in a worship service with water above and water below.

The group of 50 campers who organized themselves into a statewide operation, worshipped the first weekend in October on a floating dock on Lake Okatibbee near Meridian protected from a steady downpour by a tin roof.

The rain had held back until Sunday morning, making the earlier rally and informal relaxing together more comfortable for the weekend. The group elected a slate of officers and decided to move toward incorporation as a non-profit organization.

Campers on Mission for Mississippi will be a statewide version of the Southern Baptist-guided national Campers on Mission. The objectives will be the same. Basically it will exist to relate to fellow campers a witness to members' Christian faith and to provide opportunities for ministry among its members. It was decided to keep membership open to Christian cam-

pers of all denominations, yet all persons attending the first meeting were Baptist.

Elected president was Sid Cruthirds of Biloxi; vice president, Ralph Henson of Meridian; secretary-treasurer, John Mattox of Biloxi; representative at large, Bert Hyder of Aberdeen; and as co-chaplains, Golden Mason of Ruth and Bob Leavell of Leland.

Besides the business meetings, the main activities were in getting to know each other, walking around the campground and enjoying the outdoors, and of course, eating together. Saturday night's activities began with a covered dish supper followed by a testimonies by several members of their experiences as volunteers in the Southern Baptist Christian Service Corps, a service ministry performed by people who are willing to give up vacation time to travel to an area where other Baptists need help in ministry. One had worked in Oklahoma, others visiting from Alabama, told of working at the Indiana Baptist state camp. Two couples in the group had gone to Rhode Island to help Bobby Barnette, a former Mississippi pastor, build a church building. Ralph

and Barbara Henson and Terry and Delphy Cross of Meridian spent a week putting up siding, a ceiling and sheetrock for the Bradford, R. I., church.

"We really got a blessing out of this," said Henson. "If you think you can't do anything — let the lord show you what you can do."

A puppet show operated by the youth of State Blvd. Baptist Church in Meridian, was followed by a devotional thought by Wade Rogers, pastor of Causeville Baptist Church.

One camper reported a problem that sometimes arises for Christian campers — is in being away from the church building on Sunday morning. The camper said, "I have had to make myself know that God is everywhere. These people need someone too. If they're lost they need somebody to witness to them. If they're saved, they need to know we can't forget God and need to worship him in the campground too."

"I told the Lord, whatever campground I went to I would leave some kind of witness — when camping comes between me and my relationship to God, then there'll be no more camping."



Harrington Scoffs At Staging Accusation

RALEIGH, N. C. (EP) — Bob Harrington, a Southern Baptist evangelist, from New Orleans, scoffs at recently published news accounts which said his debates with atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair are phony.

Mike Pigott, a Nashville Banner reporter, followed Harrington and O'Hair to five cities in three states. He reported that all of their debates were alike, that they made the same speeches, walked on and off the stage on cue and set each other up for identical "one-liner" comments.

Advised of Harrington's remarks here, reporter Pigott said the tour "was a setup from beginning to end."

Harrington's band, "Little Richie Jarvis and Our Brother's Keeper," resigned the day before the evangelist's arrival in Raleigh. Jarvis charged that the debates were "theatrical and money-oriented" and said he didn't want the group's name associated with them.

Cauthen Released From Hospital

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (BP) — Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was released from the Medical Center Hospital here Oct. 3. He had been hospitalized since suffering a heart attack Sept. 18.

The Cauthens were expected to remain in Huntsville until about Oct. 10 or 11 before returning to their home in Richmond.

Mrs. Cauthen reported that her husband is "feeling quite well" and said he has been exercising by walking up and down the hall at the hospital.

Cauthen, who collapsed while speaking at the televised Sunday morning worship service of the Jackson Way Baptist Church here Sept. 18, is expected to make a full recovery from the attack. His doctors, however, have advised him not to resume his responsibilities until after a two-month recuperation period and have suggested he not accept any engagements before the end of the year.

In his absence, the staff executive council is handling administrative responsibilities at the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. A. B. Rutledge Dies In Georgia

ATLANTA (BP) — Mrs. Vesta Rutledge, wife of Arthur B. Rutledge, emeritus executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, died Oct. 3 in Gainesville, Ga., from a massive stroke suffered two weeks earlier.

Services were scheduled Oct. 6 at Atlanta's Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church.

Mrs. Rutledge is survived by her husband, two children, David Rutledge, an attorney in Newman, Ga., and Elaine Ables of Sebring, Fla., and eight grandchildren.

Rutledge said flowers would be acceptable but that gifts to the Home Mission Board or the American Diabetes Association would also be appreciated. Mrs. Rutledge was diabetic for 18 years.

771 Korean Soldiers Baptized; 3,068 Prisoners Won To Christ

SEOUL, Korea (BP) — Pastors and laymen from the Seoul (Korea) Baptist Association are preaching and witnessing to both Korean soldiers and

prisoners and watching hundreds of them accept Christ. A total of 771 soldiers were baptized in three services.

Although the association has a con-

tinuing ministry in six prisons in the Seoul area, in June laymen and pastors had the opportunity to witness in 17 other Korean prisons. They spoke to a total of 12,680 men and saw 3,068 make professions of faith, according to Southern Baptist missionary O. K. Bozeman Jr., president of the Korea Baptist Church Development Board.

During July the Seoul Baptist pastors baptized 616 Korean soldiers in two services, and in August 155 more were baptized at a third service.

Association leaders anticipate three more baptismal services before cold weather. During the winter months they plan to have several services in public baths for the hundreds of soldiers who have accepted Christ, been instructed in basic Christian doctrines, and are now awaiting baptism.

This work is in addition to the ongoing work conducted by the Korean military evangelism department of which Southern Baptist missionary Rolla M. Bradley is director. Bradley and his staff assisted the Seoul association in this project.



A Korean soldier is baptized (right) in a river near the DMZ (demilitarized zone) by one of the pastors of Seoul Baptist Association. More than 150 men were baptized during this service. In a simultaneous project the Seoul association has witnessed to more than 12,600 prisoners. (BP) photo by O. K. Bozeman Jr.

Assignment: Memorize Sermon

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WMU Centennial Service to be held at Oxford on May 23.

Mrs. McKeigney in the closing devotional message said, "The praying woman must be a listening woman. We must be attuned to Him in order to learn from Him. Prayer is not getting

things from God, but getting to know

God. "Each day there are four questions we should ask ourselves: What am I most thankful for today? What am I most ashamed of in my life today? What is His will for me today? For whom shall I pray today?"



Frances Tyler, right, who taught the book, THE LISTENING WOMAN, greets a friend from Columbus, Mrs. John Thompson.



Mrs. Alex McKeigney, left, and Mrs. Robert Holifield, program personalities at the Baptist Women Retreat, enjoy the sunshine at Garaywa.

Baptists Discuss Tax Reform Inequities

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more entangled with the churches than 30 years ago.

This process began in 1947, she said, with the famous Everson decision upholding transportation for parochial school students. That decision, which contains one of the strongest statements in favor of absolute separation of church and state in spite of its effect of upholding such transportation, has been eroded steadily by subsequent decisions, Eastman said.

She went on to say that those who deny that government is not presently subsidizing religion are not facing the "real world."

Eastman, who has also led out in the struggle for women's legal rights, admitted to some "discomfort" in appearing before the group of 144 church leaders participating in the conference to advocate the removal of tax exemption for churches.

At the same time, she said she was not uncomfortable in advancing the viewpoint that the special tax status of churches amounts to government aid to churches in violation of the U. S. Constitution.

Work Corporately

Churches must work corporately if they are to be effective in helping

achieve justice in society, William P. Thompson, president of the National Council of Churches, and stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, declared.

Some of the demands of the gospel may be met by individuals, Thompson told the conference. "But some," he declared, "can only be met on a broader basis: justice is less an attribute or achievement of individuals than it is of systems and structures of society, which can be corrected only by other forces such as the church, acting with full corporate intention as the obedient Body of Christ."

Thompson asserted that any retreat from corporate participation of the church in public affairs would be regression. "To insist that the church pursue justice and righteousness without affecting the public policy and law of the land, or to do so only through the intervention of individual members in dispersion, is to condemn it to frustration and futility," he continued.

Congressional action in 1934 which added the "substantiality" test to the tax code limits the attempts of non-profit organizations to influence legislation to a proportion of activities which are not a "substantial part of the

activities" of such an organization, he explained.

In 1976 "substantial" was defined on a sliding scale for nonreligious charities. Churches chose to remain under the old rules, deciding "it was better to live with the devil they knew than the devil they didn't and so remained under the fuzzy ambiguities of present law rather than seeking the deceptive clarities of the new section," Thompson said.

In another address, a prominent New York attorney, who specializes in tax law, said that churches should not feel guilty over their exemption from real estate taxes because churches are not "ripping off the taxing authorities" by such exemption.

Frank Patton Jr., an attorney with the Guild of St. Ives, said further that in his view churches should not make voluntary payments to local governments to compensate for their tax exempt status.

Patton reminded its audience that churches constitute only one category of organizations exempt from real property taxes. Others include schools, hospitals, cemeteries, other charitable groups, and most of all government itself.

Regarding fire and police protection and the feeling in some circles that churches should make voluntary contributions to help defray those costs to communities, Patton quoted from a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1971 (Waltz v. Tax Commission) that such protection amounted to "no more than incidental benefits accorded all persons or institutions."

Patton said that in his view, a "more fundamental" problem is that churches themselves question "whether they really are worth their tax exemptions." He went on to argue that "a vigorous parish may be of inestimable benefit to the community."

As a consequence, he concluded that "churches have, or ought to have, far better things to do with their money than to make payments in lieu of taxes to the local government. If the church is not doing better things with its money, then it ought to re-think its mission."

May Be Shocked

Trustees of some religiously affiliated organizations such as colleges, hospitals, and children's homes may be shocked to learn they are liable for

income taxes prior to Dec. 31, 1975, according to Charles M. Whelan, professor of law at the Fordham University School of Law.

Whelan, a Catholic, speaking before the conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, engaged in a debate of sorts with Leo Pfeffer, chairman of the department of political science at Long Island University and special counsel for the American Jewish Congress.

The two espoused difference sides of a church tax discussion. Whelan spoke on "definitional problems in the Internal Revenue Code," and Pfeffer spoke on "the special constitutional status of religion."

Whelan said that the old concept that the government would not tax churches has been replaced by the concept that the government will define church organizations so as to tax those which have unrelated sources of income.

Those organizations of church bodies which find themselves classified other than as the church could also find themselves liable for income taxes not only since Dec. 31, 1975, when the new concept went into effect, but

also before that period and since 1950.

He described it as an attempt by Congress, the Department of Treasury and the IRS to deal with a serious intricate problem, but noted that it's been a bungling attempt because the writers of materials attempting to deal with churches do not understand the nature of churches.

Pfeffer pointed out that he does not believe that churches should enjoy tax exemption. "They should pay their fair share of the cost of government that serves all," he said.

"Everything costs money. Government programs cost money, and the government has to get its money somewhere. Taxes are the only source," Pfeffer observed, adding that when too many bodies are taken out of the tax structure, government finds itself in trouble.

Pfeffer said that not only do churches share in the benefits of the protection of government and therefore should pay their fair share but they also can acquire great amounts of wealth. He added that the power to tax does not imply the power to destroy so long as the tax imposed on the churches is non-discriminatory.

Rural Evangelism Can Be As Great As Your Imagination

By Tim Nicholas

Billy Clarke told a story of the ministry of "the best bass fisherman in Texas — he won the contest."

Clarke, director of missions for two rural Baptist associations in Texas was leading a seminar on "The rural church meeting opportunities in ministry," during the recent National Conference on Rural Evangelism held in Memphis and sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

He said the fisherman never thought he could use his talent as a witness to his faith. Now, in the summer, the man teaches for free a fishing clinic on Saturdays. Before he finishes he'll say to the 50 or 60 fathers and sons at the clinic, "Now let me tell you about the greatest fisherman of all." Then the man gives his Christian testimony.

Clarke said the opportunities for ministry in rural churches "are as great as your imagination and as varied as the folks in your church." He explained that to move into ministry a church has to discover what it has to work with, then match the talents to the needs.

One example of matching, he said, was where a group of senior citizens worked out a barter system where 10 different people each with a different talent each agreed to give three hours a month to serve another's need. One might sew up rips in trousers while another might repair a leaky faucet.

Another easily implemented ministry Clarke told about was the telephone assurance program where an elderly person living alone is telephoned each day to see that he or she is all right. He said the greatest fear of someone living alone is to be sick or injured and have nobody find them. "We ran an ad in the paper: We care — if you'd be interested in someone giving you a friendly call each day, phone

this number," said Clarke.

Clarke said many Baptists are poles apart when it comes to local church ministry. The feeling on one end is: "We built this building, pay this pastor, and have services at 11 o'clock. If anyone wants to come, they can do it," according to Clarke.

The other attitude is: "Our service ought to be to mankind — help our neighbor. We're not interested in proclamation."

Clarke said that Baptists could operate somewhere in between these two poles. A combination of the two would be in a resort area in Texas where the information booth closed all weekend when the people really needed directions. Baptists offered to voluntarily man the booth on weekends, giving out roadmaps, showing where the flowers were blooming especially profusely. And at the visitor takes the roadmap, the volunteer will say, "Now let me give you a roadmap for life," and hands the visitor a copy of Good News For Modern Man.

Major addresses during the conference were given by Bill Tanner, head of the Home Mission Board; Bill Hogue, head of the HMB's evangelism section, James Smith, executive for Illinois Baptists, and Ray Frank Robbins, New Testament and Greek professor at New Orleans Seminary.

Roy Collum, director of the evangelism department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was among 15 Mississippians who attended the conference. Said Collum of the conference, "It was especially a source of encouragement and inspiration to rural pastors who seem constantly to be living in the midst of difficult and discouraging situations." He said the whole conference was designed to speak to the peculiar needs of rural pastors and staff members.



Left to right are four Mississippians who attended the National Conference on Rural Evangelism: Gus Merritt, pastor of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church at Decatur; Roy Collum, MCB evangelism director; Wayne Edwards, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church at Little Rock; and Hugh Bland, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church at Belfontaine.

Pastors' Retreat

The Pastors' Retreat at Camp Garaywa, Oct. 24-26, is closing in fast. Program includes ideas for motivation, preparation, time stewardship, personal development, counseling, and staff relationships. Total cost is \$1 to provide insurance.

Church Program

Training Day: Oct. 18

The next scheduled quarterly Training Day at the Baptist Building is Oct. 18. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium of First Baptist Church, Jackson (across the street from the Baptist Building) and adjourning at 3:30, the Training Day will offer 18 church study courses for leadership in all program organizations.

Books will be available for purchase and lunch will be provided for \$1.25.

This set of courses is aimed at helping set up the new church program year and newly elected officers are encouraged to take the courses. A listing of the one day courses is:

- Working In the Sunday School
- Working with Adults In The Sunday School
- Working With Youth In The Sunday School
- Working With Children In The Sunday School
- Working With Preschoolers (same course for Sunday School and Church Training)
- Developing Your Church Training Program
- Developing Your Adult Church Training Program
- Developing Your Youth Church Training Program
- Developing Your Children's Church Training Program
- Music: Strings And Things
- Brotherhood Program Of A Baptist Church
- Baptist Men In Missions
- Royal Ambassador In Missions
- Baptist Women Manual
- Baptist Young Women Manual
- Acteens Manual
- G.A. Manual
- Mission Friends Manual

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"After the baptismal and worship services were over, two of the men just baptized went to the pastor and expressed their desire to go out and tell what had happened in their lives," Dr. Naylor said.

"So they went to a settlement where the pastor had not preached before. The new Christians told what Christ had done for them," Dr. Naylor said. "That evening three others came to know Jesus Christ."

"All of these things are caused for rejoicing and thanksgiving," she said. "Yet, this responsiveness also increases our awareness of opportunity and need."

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The Missions Task

"Figure How You Can!"

By John Alexander, Director
Stewardship Department

As a young pastor in Georgia in the late 1940's, I was influenced to attend association and area meetings. I always, well, almost always, got something that was helpful in my work as a pastor. I worked at the job of getting my members and workers to attend. I believed in "going to the meetings."

In those days we had a state Sunday School secretary by the name of T. W. Tippet. I can still see this man riding up in his limousine with his cigar bellowing forth a volume of cigar smoke that looked almost like a steam engine at full throttle. He was a dude if I ever saw one, a real wheeler-dealer. I never got too excited over his smoking cigars but he really knew his business when it came to promoting Sunday school work and I shall forever be in his debt for this. He really worked at the job and thank God for a man like that!

If you remember, those were low-key, even somewhat gloomy days in church work, and he had a way of helping you work on and repair your attitude toward church work. It was a rare experience indeed to attend a meeting over which he presided and not have to repeat aloud several times responsively, "Don't figure how you can't, figure how you can!" We would leave his meetings with that thought ringing in our ears. I have never forgotten it. "Don't figure how you can't, figure how you can!" It was mighty good advice to pastors and deacons who often spent more time and thought in trying to decide why they couldn't do the things they needed to do rather than spending that good time figuring out how they could do what was necessary and productive.

On occasion now I run into a bit of this negativism on the part of church leaders. A negative attitude never won a soul to Christ, built a church, or strengthened missions.

Have you ever worked with a group of people in a church that you didn't have at least one or two poor souls that regardless of what was suggested, their standard response always is, "Why, preacher, we can't do that! We never have done anything like that at our church!" In such meetings I have quietly praised God for those other people who speak up and say, "Certainly we can do it. Others have done it and so can we. I move we make proper plans and get on with the job."

When it comes time for a church to talk about having the annual budget campaign, those negative voices seem to harmonize: "We can't do that at our church! We've never done anything like that at our church!"

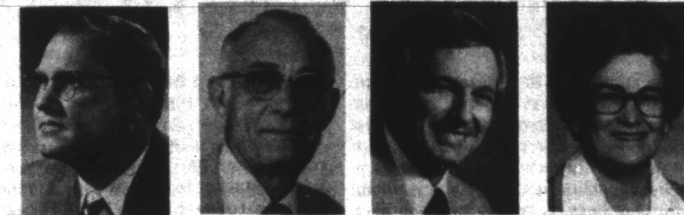
It is pathetic that churches ever let people like that get into positions leaders only should occupy. These people, who are more infamous for holding the church back than for setting it forward, have much to answer to God for on judgment day. They wreck and ruin churches for the Bible says that when "... the blind lead the blind, they both fall into the ditch" (Matt. 15:14).

Wise is the church that will bolster its courage and replace these roadblocks to progress and elect them leaders who will spend their time working on how they can instead of spending their time figuring why they can't.

Missions, and every other area of church responsibility, will be greatly strengthened as churches elect to places of leadership persons who lead. Think about it!

Church Administration

Skills Development Is Retreat Benefit



Mims

Martin

Larrimore

Nelson

A retreat for pastors, church staff members, deacons and wives of these, will meet Dec. 2-3 in Jackson for skills development, fellowship, sharing, and equipping for ministry and outreach.

The Conference, sponsored by the church administration-pastoral ministries department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will meet at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Jackson, beginning at 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2, and adjourn at noon Saturday.

Principal speakers for the conference include: Lambert C. Mims, public works commissioner for Mobile, Ala., and Baptist layman; Ray Martin, retired government employee and deacon at Woodville Heights Baptist Church in Jackson; and Martha Nelson, homemaker and author of several books with a Christian woman's perspective. She is the wife of Carl Nelson, pastor of Pelahatchie Baptist Church. Tom Larrimore, Jackson-based music evangelist, will lead the music for the conference.

Bill Clark of Jackson, will join Larrimore in special music presentations during the conference. Others on the program include Charles Treadway of the Sunday School Board who will talk about new developments in the Southern Baptist Convention related to deacon work; Brooks Wester; Carl Savell; Roy Collum; Carl Nelson; Henry Webb; and Joel Haire.

A banquet at 5:30 on Friday will begin the conference at a cost of \$3.50 per person. The evening session begins

at 6:30 for those who are unable to attend the conference. Pre-registration is necessary, but the banquet is optional. Write for reservations to: Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Joint...

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religious liberty and human rights there.

In another action, the Baptist Joint Committee rejected a proposal to investigate possible legal action against President Carter for the appointment of a personal representative to the Vatican. Instead the committee voted to "express its unalterable opposition to the appointment of any representative to the Vatican by the President of the United States."

The Panama Canal treaty was discussed at the meeting. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a member of the Baptist Joint Committee, said that he was personally in favor of the Panama Canal treaty but that he felt that such an item is not within the assignment of the committee. Many others expressed the same view.

The Baptist Joint Committee is a denominational agency maintained in the nation's capital by nine Baptist Bodies in the United States and Canada.

Brotherhood

CeLA Ybration Discusses Lifestyle Evangelism

The two-day celebration at the end of October, known as CeLA Ybration, will focus on the ministry of the laity. The concept of lifestyle evangelism will be a major emphasis during the event which will take place at Woodville Heights Baptist Church in Jackson, Oct. 28-29.

Lifestyle evangelism is witnessing in the normal flow of one's daily life.

Featured on the program during the CeLA Ybration is Reid Hardin, director of renewal evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta. He recruits lay persons for lay evangelism involvement.

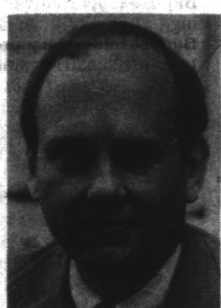
Also on the program is James Mahoney, a full time evangelistic and conference speaker, and Bill Clem-



Mahoney



Hardin



Clemmons

mons, Baptist Men's consultant for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. He has served as a mis-

sionary to Italy, worked for the Sunday School Board, and most recently, was director of the Vineyard Conference Center in Louisville, Ky.

Other program personalities include Carl Savell, pastor of the host church which has recently become involved in renewal, David Haney, director of the Brotherhood Commission's lay renewal department, and Ron and Pat Owens, evangelistic music team. Pat is a Laurel native who grew up in Jackson.

The weekend celebration is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department, the Home Mission Board, and the Brotherhood Commission. Paul Harrell, Brotherhood Department director, will coordinate the event.

A registration fee of \$1 per person will need to be included with each reservation. Please make checks payable to the Brotherhood Department. Write c/o Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Heart Center Opens At Baylor Medical Center

DALLAS (BP) — The opening of the Hunt Heart Center at Baylor University Medical Center here is considered by Texas Baptists as a milestone in their hospital ministries.

The H. L. and Ruth Ray Hunt Heart Center, which officially opened Sept. 25, received a substantial donation from Hunt Oil Company and members of the family of the late H. L. Hunt, Baptist philanthropist and businessman. Mrs. Hunt, a member of First Baptist Church of Dallas, decorated the lobby of the center named for her and her late husband.

Dr. John Hyland, Heart Center director, said the center provides "total

patient care" from diagnosis and treatment of cardiac illness through rehabilitation. The center will complete the skills of physicians, therapists, chaplains and dieticians to minister to the physical and emotional needs of an estimated 50,000 patients and their families each year.

"Baylor Medical Center is one of eight hospital complexes owned and operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Of the 158,013 patients admitted to the eight hospitals during the past year, 855 made professions of Christian faith and 4,282 made Christian rededications.

Church Administration

Church Secretaries

To Hear Lucy Hoskins

Lucy Hoskins, editor of Church Administration magazine will be the main speaker for a series of four regional Baptist Secretaries' Conferences.

Miss Hoskins, on the staff of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, will speak at the four sessions which are scheduled for Carriere, Meridian, Pearl, and Tupelo.

Highlights and features of the conferences, which will have identical program content, include: "How to be professional on the job — in dress and actions, in attitude, in work effectiveness, in human relations."

The Carriere session will meet at First Baptist Church on Oct. 31. Meri-

dian's meeting will be at the Baptist Center, Nov. 1. On Nov. 2, the meeting is at Grandview Baptist Church in Pearl, and on Nov. 3, the session is at Tupelo's Calvary Baptist Church. Each session will meet from 9:30-2:30 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, drinks and refreshments will be provided.

Besides Miss Hoskins at each session, Carriere will feature on the program, Olivia Killebrew of the Gulf Coast Association office in Gulfport. Meridian will have Mary Ray, of the Rankin Association office at Pearl. The Pearl meeting will feature Ruth Keyes, of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, and Nora Melton of Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson. And the Tupelo meeting will have Dot Smith, of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.




Pre-registration is necessary. Write: Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Include job title.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORS CONFERENCES

October 24-27, 1977

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Purpose: To equip newly elected Church Training Directors to plan and conduct an effective Church Training Program.

Conference Leaders			
			
	Kermit S. King Director Church Training Department	Bill Watson Minister of Education Morrison Heights, Clinton	Norman A. Rodgers Adult Consultant Church Training Department
October 24	Biloxi First Baptist Church	Greenwood Immanuel Baptist Church	Senatobia First Baptist Church
October 25	Brookhaven Easthaven Baptist Church	Yazoo City First Baptist Church	Corinth Oakland Baptist Church
October 27	Laurel West Laurel Baptist Church	Louisville Calvary Baptist Church	Pontotoc West Heights Baptist Church

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Editorials

Mississippi Baptist Convention...

None More Important

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is just about one month away, and it would be well for churches to begin making preparations, if they have not already.

It will be the 142nd annual session of the convention, and every session is important. This is the annual gathering of Mississippi Baptists during which we make decisions that will affect missions efforts around the world.

There is no more important meeting ever held than the Mississippi Baptist Convention. There are bigger meetings, and there are meetings out of which come more activity, and there are meetings of political and international importance. The Mississippi Baptist Convention, however, deals in matters of eternity for untold numbers of people. That is specifically what the convention is all about. There is a great deal of activity and a sizeable amount of reporting. But all of the activity and reporting revolve around our world-wide witness.

There are 33 state convention sessions across the nation every year, but none more important than the one that takes place in Mississippi. There is the annual Southern Baptist Convention,

but its importance hinges to a great extent on the efforts of the state conventions.

The convention will be Nov. 15, 16, and 17. Messengers will need to be elected. If there were just one messenger from the more than 1,900 churches there would be a greater attendance at the convention than ever before.

The matters that are to be considered are not such that should be decided by a small number of people. There will be a record budget proposed, for instance. It will not be a great deal larger than this year's, but it is some bigger at \$8,636,000, and it will be the largest ever considered. Such figures as this should not be considered lightly, and the world-wide ministry they represent should have and will demand the very best support all of us have to offer.

It will not be all business. There will be inspiration through music and some of the most highly recognized speakers of the nation. These include James L. Sullivan, a Mississippi native who was president of the Southern Baptist Convention last year; Grady Cothen, another Mississippi native who suc-

ceeded Sullivan as president of the Sunday School Board, and Bill Tanner, a former Mississippi pastor who is now executive director of the Home Mission Board. These speakers will also include Jerry Vardaman, professor at Mississippi State University; Porter Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee; and Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Other Mississippians who will speak at the convention president, Bob Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo, and Carl Savell, pastor of Woodville Heights Baptist Church in Jackson, who will preach the convention sermon.

It will be a fine convention. They all are. Make plans to be present. A highly interesting program is in the making for state missions night on Tuesday. It will be worth the trip.

A companion meeting to the convention is the Brotherhood Rally on Monday evening preceding the convention. Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak. It will be held at Broadmoor Church in Jackson and will also be worth the effort to attend.

"Soap" Propaganda

Dear Sir:

While I personally think that the ABC-TV show "Soap" is not worth wasting 30 minutes a week on, I am sure there are many Southern Baptists who will become faithful viewers during its showing, thanks to the prolific and free publicity you have given the show through the Baptist press avenues. I personally resent the space which has been devoted to such a show and feel that there is enough good news about our religious denominations to print that would far outweigh the value of the space devoted to "Soap" commentary.

I watched the first installment out of curiosity generated solely from your news articles on the show. I will not make that mistake again. There are other good (granted, few and far between) shows and activities which can occupy my time.

Ignoring the problem could eliminate it sooner than publicizing it. The network officials have set out to create a furor to attract viewers and seemingly have succeeded very well.

I note with interest a front-page article in the September 29 issue of "The Baptist Record" telling how the Sunday School Board was divesting itself of 2,500 shares of American Broadcasting Company stock. In the same issue, tucked away on page 5 with very little fanfare, there was an article about two ABC-TV "Directions" programs involving the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Virginia Van Egmond
Jackson

Dear Sir:

The battle over SOAP continues and, thanks to the efforts of Baptist state paper editors, Southern Baptists are being kept up to date on the latest developments.

As we deal with the many tedious and time-consuming details of this issue, it becomes increasingly obvious that ABC is biding its time, hoping that Southern Baptist opposition will wane. We are aware, of course, that standing up to a network whose sales for prime-time commercials alone this season will be six times greater than the total SBC Cooperative Program budget for 1977-78 is an extremely difficult task. But we agree with SBC President Jimmy Allen who has said on several occasions that the fight against SOAP is one Southern Baptists cannot afford to lose.

ABC has consistently refused to comment on nearly every SOAP-related question, apparently hoping that apathy will eventually bury the protest. Nevertheless, the concern of Southern Baptists and others shared through letters to SOAP's sponsors has had a particularly strong impact. As Baptist Press reported last week, ABC has drastically reduced the initial rate for a thirty-second spot on SOAP, we believe in an attempt to attract advertisers and in order to give the appearance that the show is being fully sponsored.

Even so, the list of sponsors which have backed out of commercial participation in SOAP is strongly encouraging. The list includes ten of the eleven originally scheduled advertisers which withdrew before the show even aired: American Motors, Datsun, Kayser-Roth Hosiery, Lever Brothers, Miller Brewing, Pfizer, Revlon, Timex, Volkswagen, and Warner-Lambert. American Home Products withdrew from the first episode but did advertise on the second week. Other companies which have decided not to schedule further advertising on SOAP are Vlastic Foods, Mem Company, Max Factor, Jovan, and Presto, five of the first three week's thirteen advertisers.

"Let us not be weary in well doing."
Foy Valentine
SBC Christian Life Commission

Panama Canal Issue

Dear Sir:

At the Baracca Sunday School class yesterday which I taught, it was noted that the president of the Southern Baptist Convention is speaking in favor of the Panama Canal Treaty. It was also stated by one of the members that if he is speaking as a private citizen that is his privilege but if he is speaking as an official voice for the Southern Baptist Convention this does not necessarily reflect the political convictions of every Southern Baptist.

It was suggested that our Convention President be made aware of the feelings of individual Baptists.

Tom F. Rayburn
Booneville

Need For Bus

Dear Sir:

Will you please help us? Our church is participating in the Simultaneous Revival effort next April 2-9 and have asked Brother Billy Mitchell, pastor at Rawls Spring Baptist Church, Hattiesburg to be our evangelist. He and his wife plan to come for that meeting. She will be doing much of the music program for the meeting.

Now for my request of you. Here in Port Angeles, we are the only Southern Baptist Church between Sequim and Forks, a distance of about 70 miles. This town of ours, Port Angeles, is a most un-church-conscious place; "very religious" in the sense that there are more than 30 churches, but only about 8% of the people claim any church affiliation (Reminds me of Paul's Athens).

To put it bluntly, I have never seen a more Gospel-hungry people — no, not in all America (and I have served in most sections of it). We need and can use a bus! In fact, if we had them, we could put to use three busses now!!

I have talked and written Bill and he says that he and his wife would be willing to drive a bus up to us when they

come — and then fly home — at their church's expense. This is a great opportunity for us, for as I see it, we could triple our enrollment this year if we had a bus ministry. We now run about 40-55 in S.S., have plans to build this year for 200, and believe that this town of over 17,000 could well support three Southern Baptist Churches in the near future — as soon as we convince them of what a church is supposed to be.

Will you please run an article for us about some church in Mississippi "Donating one of their busses to missions!" If you would run that story, I am sure that we could reach someone who would give us the best bus of their fleet for this ministry — and the 2,500-mile trip. If you will help us this way, ask that they contact Billy Mitchell, Rawls Springs Baptist Church, Route 7, Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401, Phone 583-4177. Billy will act as our agent, and bring the bus to us in April, 1978.

If we get two busses, I have a son down there attending USM and he is coming up in December... he could drive one!

Stanley A. File
Port Angeles, Wn

Expression Of Feelings

Dear Sir:

Madalyn Murray O'Hair finds the motto on U. S. money unfair to atheists. I hope she doesn't succeed in getting "In God We Trust" taken off U. S. coins and she is against pledging allegiance to the flag.

Do you know whom I can write to let my feelings be known? It reminds me of a bumper sticker, "Love America or Leave It." She had better think about where her soul is going when she leaves this world.

Something else I must say, the movies on TV are terrible. I don't watch them unless they're fit to see; also the movies at our theaters are terrible. I don't know whether every city is like this but I wouldn't see pictures rated R or PG either; just G, and I'm in my mid 50's.

The ads that I've seen are, they get in a car and destroy everything or they are in costumes that would frighten anybody to death.

The stations seem to be going for ratings, meaning that's what a lot of people want to see.

Sounds like Satan is making his appearance known.

A little 8-year-old girl talked with me about watching a vampire movie which frightened her and she couldn't go to sleep. She was waiting for her mother to come home.

Thanks in advance for telling me whom I can write to.
Mrs. Yvonne Lawrence
Meridian, MS

The above is a very good way to let your feelings be known. Additionally, you might want to write your two senators and your congressman.—
Editor

Woman's Missionary Union...

Missionary Service Since 1888

In more than 20 years of affiliation with state Baptist papers, there was one Southern Baptist headquarters building the writer had not visited. It was the Woman's Missionary Union headquarters in Birmingham. This omission was corrected last month as several editors visited the WMU building at the invitation of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville.

It was a delightful visit. The ladies surely know how to roll out the red carpet and make their visitors feel welcomed. The two home-cooked meals served in the building made tremendous impacts in this respect.

The WMU is a well-organized and a well-run effort. I had known this for years and had respected the ladies' ability to have a smoothly functioning operation at both the national and the state levels. It was a matter of interest, however, to have a first-hand look at the headquarters.

The WMU has a beautiful building, and evidently it is kept in shining condition and order. It was when I saw it. It is furnished and appointed with priceless treasures that have been brought back from missions trips overseas and contributed by missionaries themselves. One item of particular prominent display is Lottie Moon's trunk.

The ladies make their own way. There is no Cooperative Program subsidy. The two missions boards make contributions because of the tremendous support afforded them by the WMU. But mainly it is good management that keeps the organization afloat. Much of the income comes from the sale of subscriptions to the several WMU periodicals.

Since 1888 the WMU has been serving valiantly in the field of missionary education. There is no measuring of what the efforts of the organization have meant to the cause of Christ. The WMU is surely due the appreciation of Southern Baptists. — DTM

Religion Of Japan...

Missionaries Make An Impact

By Earl Kelly

The latest available demographic yearbook indicated the population of Japan was approximately 109 million, yet the Japanese seemed to cover the earth like the sea — especially in the highly commercial centers of the world. I had encountered large groups buying silver in the silver shops of Lima, Peru; wandering down Florida Street in Buenos Aires, Argentina; browsing through Sterns in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; buying diamonds and gold in Johannesburg, South Africa; and occupying the majority of the rooms in a plush Manila hotel. Wherever we went there were large bus loads, mostly men, loaded with the latest expensive photographic and portable recording equipment, spending lavishly and always traveling in large groups.

Therefore we were not surprised when we boarded the Osaka bound

plane in Taipei to find we were a minority of four westerners aboard what appeared to be a flying warehouse of American whiskey. Practically every Japanese traveler was carrying a plastic bag filled with expensive American liquor that would increase in value 800 percent by the time we landed on the Island of Honshu — the largest and most populated island in the Japanese archipelago. The huge cache of liquor between the feet of the Japanese businessman seated across the aisle from me, which he explained in broken English was for gifts, was such a contrast to the austerity we saw in Nationalist China.

Enormous displays of military hardware along the runway in Taipei reminded us of the constant alertness of the "Red Menace" not many miles away. Imported military hardware and American brand name liquors indicated that to some degree West had met East, but I was soon to learn there was a different picture in the West's ability to saturate an ancient oriental culture with what the late Douglas McArthur had hoped our number one export would be — Christianity.

Years before W. O. Carver and H. C. Goerner had given me some historical foundation in their missions classes at Southern Seminary for what I was to learn. I knew we were moving into an ancient religious culture that resembles a sundae of homogenized Buddhism and Shintoism topped with a sprinkling of Christianity, Taoism, and Confucianism. If one were to designate a national religion on the statistic of 80,000 Shinto shrines, Shintoism might be the winner; but the 75,000 Buddhist temples that also dot a landscape no larger than California can't be ignored. Paradoxically the total number of adherents to the two faiths exceed the total population of Japan. Obviously many Japanese freely associate with both.

I soon grew weary of the temples and shrines of the historical capital cities of Nara, Kyoto, and Tokyo. A charm-

ing little Japanese guide, though courteous, tried to enlighten us with a missionary zeal as we visited the Todaiji Temple and the Kasuga shrine. The former boasts two of the largest works of man. One is the great Buddha, the largest bronze statue on earth. So overwhelming is the 450 ton statue that it took four years to cast and was completed in 749 A.D. The other is the hall in which it is housed — the largest wooden structure made by man.

I am still haunted by the memory of the fierce expressions on the faces of the enormous clay statues depicting the four Guardian Demigods of the Buddhist world that lurk in the twilight zones of the building and the sounds of clapping hands as an old man and a young mother bowed in reverence before the cold lifeless statue whose 3.8 feet pitiless bronze eye looked down on them.

In the base of one of the large wooden support columns of the hall is a circular tunnel. Many devotees of Buddha believe that to pass through that hole guarantees paradise. Our party of four watched the pitiful scene of an old lady who was trying to coach her darling kitten through the hole. Obviously she wanted her pet to be a part of her concept of salvation.

After having attended a Japanese cultural show and witnessing flower arranging and an ancient Japanese tea service, viewing exquisite ancient silk kimonos, and chuckling through a highly skilled production of a humorous Japanese play, I returned to our immaculate miniature hotel room to rest and think. Amanda turned on the color TV, and we were amazed to find an English language charismatic speaker from Virginia, U.S.A., doing a hard sell of charismatic Christianity from an expensive setting in Japan. The theological concepts being propagated were so foreign to my understanding of the New Testament that I cut it off.

As I lay on my bed my mind kept asking, "What is the religion of this

nation?" All around us were evidence that Japan had risen like the Phoenix bird from out of the ashes of defeat of World War II to become the world's second leading industrial and an economic giant. Japanese cultured pearls, super tankers, the world's most efficient and enjoyable rail systems, economy automobiles, and innumerable electronic and photographic devices had saturated our globe. Apparently the psychological scars of defeat had caused them to outstudy (Japan is the most literate nation on the earth) and outwork the rest of the free world. The people we had met seemed consumed with an inordinate desire to taste the sweetness of their labors. The culture was different to be sure, but I could not escape the conclusion that their real God was the God of too many Americans — the God of CRASS MATERIALISM. Then I knew, whatever the obstacles of language and culture, there was a real need for the presence of Southern Baptist missionaries among the Nipponese. Materialism is a false God and never fills a hungry soul.

The SBC Mission work begun by the McCollums and Brunsons has faced real problems. There were probably fewer than 500 Baptists in the entire archipelago at the end of World War II. Since then our mission work has become a fast-moving and complex enterprise comprised of over 250 churches made up of more than 24,000 members.

Japan offers incredible beauty — Niho Castle, the Gold Pavilion, Mt. Fuji, cherry blossoms, the New Otani and Chinzanso Gardens, the neat rice paddies and manicured tea plantations, the grounds around the Imperial Palace or the Meiji shrine — but the beauty that caught my eye was the efficient and well organized work of a great group of dedicated people we call our missionaries. My chest swelled with pride that Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Clark had brought a new dimension to medical care in the excellent hospital

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Dr. W. P. Davis was saying just the other day in the Baptist Building Kitchen that transportation had undergone a lot of changes in his life time. I'm a little younger than he is, but I remember a lot of changes, too. I vaguely recall at least one ride in Grandpa Washburn's buggy.

Grandpa was the most independent person I have ever known. He always declared he'd live to be 100, and he would have, I expect, if he had not in his mid-nineties taken his featherbed out to sun. In nearly 20 years alone, after Grandpa's death, he'd done that many times, but this time he fell off the porch and broke his hip.

He never owned a car or learned to drive. In fact, he never traveled more than 50 miles from the Tallapoosa County house where he was born. When he was 20 he married Grandma, a 27-year-old school teacher, and settled down to be a good Alabama farmer and craftsman.

Men in the neighborhood came to him for haircuts. Sometimes he would offer to cut my hair or my sister Betty's but we were afraid he would snip our ears with his long scissors! An iron last stood in the corner by the fireplace, ready for his use when he repaired shoes.

In Kyoto, I was shamed by the difference in my dedication and that of the Charles Rays and the Ralph Calcoates who were manning soul saving stations in a sea of pagan materialism where over 11,000,000 people live in one city. I was fascinated by the winsome personality of an effective preacher named Marion Moorhead, who could grace any large pulpit in the States. I left one of the most pleasurable evenings of Christian fellowship with a group of our happy missionaries that I have ever spent and made preparation to come home. Then I knew what Jesus meant when he said, "Happy are those who strive for peace — they shall be called the sons of God" (Matthew 5:9). I was and still am happy that my offerings are channeled through my church and the Cooperative Program to keep these servants of God where they can bring true peace to hearts troubled by pagan materialism.

SAYONARA.

In his blacksmith shop he used the bellows to blow air onto the coals. With tongs, he would remove the red hot plow point from the red hot coals, and lay it on his anvil. Then he would sledge - hammer the plow into shape and drop it into a tub where it made a little hissing sound as the hot metal struck cold water.

Grandpa made syrup not only for himself, but for many other farmers. The syrup mill at the State Fair reminds me of Grandpa's mill, but it just isn't the same. At his mill I would climb the pile of cane stalk husks and slide down the slippery sides. Or I would stand and feel sorry for the mule that had to go round and round all day, turning the mill that squeezed the juice from the cane.

As the juice bubbled and boiled in the many-sectioned pan, Grandpa would keep stirring it or dipping off the skim with his long-handled ladle. He would stop occasionally to poke more wood into the furnace. Then he would think about me and open the faucet on the barrel of fresh juice, take the dipper off its nail, and pour me a drink of the cool, sweet mixture.

Grandpa never went to a hospital until he was well past 70. A sharp pain in his side finally made him consent to be taken in an ambulance. The doctors were planning to do some tests. Next morning Grandpa woke up and the pain was gone, so he didn't wait for formal dismissal. He got up, put his clothes on, and walked out.

There are a lot of older people today who would like to be as self-sufficient as Grandpa was, but for one reason or another, cannot be.

I like a suggestion that Bob Hastings made in the Illinois Baptist in his column, "A Letter From Home." He said that nearly every church has members who are aged, sick, or living on small, fixed incomes. "Often they are unable to pay for a service call to fix a leaking faucet, repair a torn window screen, patch a leaking roof or rake the fall leaves."

He suggested that church members might operate a "fix-it" truck equipped with small tools to make house calls, and show such senior citizens they are not forgotten.

"You shall rise in the presence of gray hairs, give honour to the aged, and fear your God" (Lev. 19:32).

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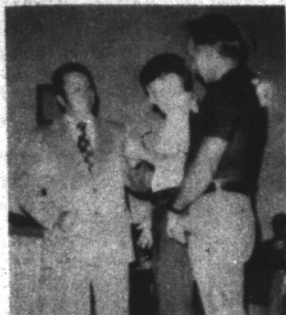
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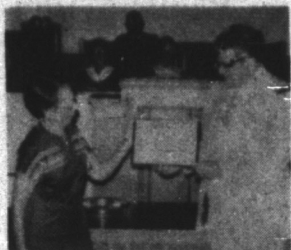
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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Duann Kler, intern editorial associate for The Baptist Record this past summer, has accepted an assistantship with the BSU at Mississippi College for the 1977-78 school year. She, along with Eric Holleyman from Lucedale, is helping coordinate religious activities on campus under the direction of Bradley Pope, director of religious activities.



Jeffrey Ishee, 13-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ishee, has received the "God and Country Award." Presenting the award is Jerry Estes, pastor at New Hope, Gulfport. Jeffrey stands in the middle, and Willie Alley, Jr., Scout Master, looks on.



Talmadge Rayborn, pastor, First Church, Pass Christian, recently presented the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Educational Ministries Diploma to Allie Lee Whorton, church organist. Mrs. Whorton enrolled for her first course on September 5, 1975, and completed her 16th course necessary to earn her Educational Ministries Diploma on July 21, 1977. "The earning of her diploma after less than two years of study is a significant and notable achievement," states Pastor Rayborn.

First Church, Potts Camp, ordained four new deacons as they entered the second year in the Deacon Family Ministry Plan. The church has also activated the deacon rotation system. The charge to the deacons and church was brought by the pastor of Carey Chapel, Don Grimmer. Those being ordained were: Len Marbury, Dave Guess, Johnny Westmoreland, and Harold Rainey. Alvis Cooper is pastor.

Sarah W. Young has completed her 17th consecutive year of perfect attendance in Sunday School. She is Sunday School teacher, pianist, and youth leader at New Hope Church, Leake. She is also a member of the Leake Association, where her husband, Jimmy Young, is pastor.

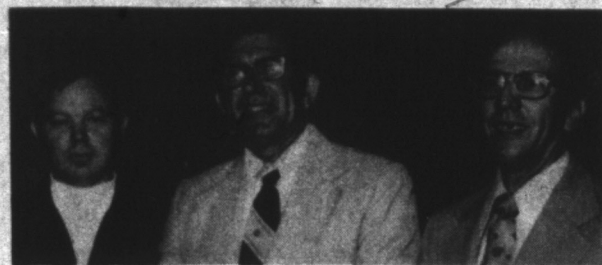


First Church of McComb ordained two men as deacons on Sept. 25. They were Bert E. Bradford and John A. Tucker. The challenge to the deacons was delivered by J. B. Fowler, Jr., pastor. Dr. Bradford, left, and his wife, Marilyn, have four children. He is a pediatrician. John A. Tucker, right, and his wife, Martha, have one son. Tucker is associated with the Internal Revenue Department.



WILLIAM (BILL) McLENDON, pastor of Beulah Church, Humphreys County, for 13 years, and his wife were recently honored with a reception on their silver wedding anniversary. The reception was given by their children, Mr. and Mrs. William McLendon, Jr., and Jimmy McLendon. Among the guests present were the pastor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McLendon, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bill Luster.

Albert S. Lineberry, of Greensboro, N. C., has been elected national chairman of the Association of Baptists for Scouting, succeeding Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss.



CHARLES (CHUCK) LENARD, left, ROY WHITTINGTON, center, and JOHN W. (BUDDY) SMITH, right, were ordained as deacons of Highland Church, Crystal Springs, on Sept. 11. Each was presented a copy of Howard Foshee's book, NOW THAT YOU'RE A DEACON, and a Certificate of Ordination. Each new deacon's wife was presented a copy of Martha Nelson's book, "On Being a Deacon's Wife." A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall, honoring the deacons. Prior to the ordination, a Deacon Training Clinic was conducted by Leon Emery, Director of Church Administration, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Highland Church has approved the Deacon Family Ministry Plan. James E. Griffith is pastor.



Paula Smith, daughter of W. Martin Smith and Mrs. Smith of North Carrollton, was recipient of the May Lorette Smith Stepp Williams scholarship given by the North Carrollton Church September 4. Amie Lee Stepp, daughter of Mrs. Williams, in whose memory the scholarship is awarded, made the presentation. Paula is a senior at William Carey College, where she is preparing for service as a forum missionary. She spent the summer in Northboro, Mass. as a BSU summer missionary.

Bob Adams, right, has been licensed to the ministry by Liberty Church, Winston County. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stanley of Noxapater, he is a freshman at Clarke College. A. R. McCorkle, left, pastor at Liberty, presented the license.



Beyond the Ironing Board

Some of you who have been reading this for quite some years remember that you told me how you identified with the times when I wrote about the agony of waiting for each boy to come back from his driver's license road test. All of us who have children could imagine everything under the sun happening during that road test, and we thought we would be so relieved when he returned unharmed.

But that proved to be only the beginning in a long series of listenings, when we waited for the wheels to turn into the driveway, then we could sleep soundly.

Now I'm in the beginning of another kind of listening — for the sounds of an airplane motor overhead, signalling that, at least, Jim is still up there. Man, I want to tell you that listening for a car in a driveway is a snap compared to listening for an airplane motor.

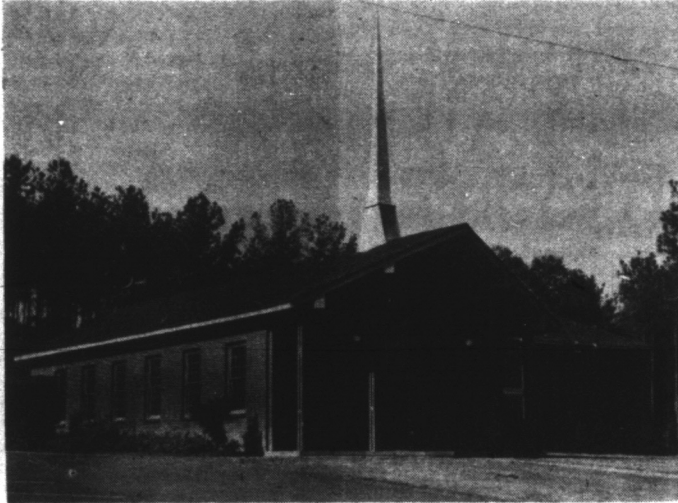
For years our youngest, Jim, has said he would learn to fly when he had a job that would make it possible. When he decided to live at home this year, his summer's job boss called and

asked him to come back to work. Needless to say, Jim immediately got the wheels going, literally, on learning to fly. At the time I'm writing this, he is less than three weeks from his solo flight. We are undecided at this point if I am grown up enough to be allowed to know when that event will take place.

Nervous as it makes me, I am delighted to see him realize a long-time ambition. I can remember when we first married, James kept hoping it would work out that he could sometime take flying lessons, and it never did. So, Jim comes by his desire to fly understandably.

And, do you know, I find that I must exercise the same, simple kind of faith about his being aloft that I exercised in watching him on his bike the first time without the training wheels, the first day at school, the first time out in the car alone. It's a bit strange about faith. The reasons for faith change, but faith is stable, and God is faithful.

However, I'll let you know if I survive the solo. I'm sure Jim is less nervous than I.



Pinelake Dedicates Building

Members of Pinelake Church, Rankin County, held a dedication service for their education building on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2. Harold Kitchings, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Foundation, brought the dedicatory message. Lunch was served in Fellowship Hall.

The sanctuary was built in 1973; the church voted in September, 1976 to construct an education building.

The first service at Pinelake was held March 21, 1971, in a mobile chapel, with 32 present. Mrs. J. E. Pace of Brandon had given the Rankin Association 16 acres, and the association deeded five acres to Pinelake Church. The new church, sponsored by the Flowood Church, was constituted Dec. 5, 1971. Gary Watkins was the first pastor; Lannie Wilbourn is the present pastor. There are now 328 members.

Clergymen And Psychotherapists To Collaborate

Collaboration between the clergy and psychotherapists will be the key issue under discussion at a University of Mississippi Medical Center workshop Dec. 2.

The seminar, "When the Parishoner is the Patient: Issues for Clergy and Psychotherapists," will bring the two professions together in the Oglevee Building auditorium on the Jackson campus.

Edgar Draper, professor of psychiatry and human behavior chairman of the UMC department, and James Travis, University Hospital chaplain, are course coordinators. Guest faculty are Charles E. Myers, pastor of the Alta Woods Church, Jackson; Wayne E. Oates, professor of behavioral sciences and psychiatry and pastoral counseling, University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, Ky.; and Dr. John J. Schwab, chairman of the psychiatry department, University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Registration fee is \$10 payable to the UMC Division of Continuing Health Professional Education. Advance registration is requested.

Staff Changes

Harvey J. Webb, pastor of Oak Grove Church, Bentley, La., the past two years, has accepted the position of assistant to the pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson. Joe H. Tuten is the Calvary pastor. Webb holds the Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary and is working toward the Doctor of Ministry degree there. He is a graduate of Mississippi College. A native of Jackson, he was ordained to the ministry by Calvary Church in 1971 and served the church as a summer recreational worker while attending Mississippi College. He has also served as pastor of the New Salem Church, Kosciusko. He is married to the former Priscilla Anderson of Jackson and they have one child, Melanie.

Charles Gentry, pastor of Morrison Heights Church in Clinton for 13 years and four months, submitted his resignation, effective Sept. 30.

Gentry moved to Clinton from the pastorate of West Heights Church, Pontotoc. Under his leadership, the Morrison Heights Church has added two educational units, built a new sanctuary, and bought a new parsonage. Membership of the church has increased from 500 to 1000.

Gentry's plans for the immediate future are indefinite. A native of Baldwin, he is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He is married to the former Mary Catherine Lowry of Memphis. They are the parents of six children.

Lake Harbor Church, Barnett Reservoir, Rankin County, has called Marlon Seane as pastor. He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary, and has held several pastorates, going to Lake Harbor from Old Town Church in Calhoun County. He is married to the former Rita Garrett of Kilpatrick. They have two daughters, Angela, 4, and Amanda, 13 months.

First Church, Ocean Springs, has called Jim Dalrymple as minister of music and education. He goes there

from Antioch Church, Columbus. Paul Aultman is the Ocean Springs pastor.



Kelly



Axtell

Highland, Laurel, has recently added two new staff members. Harvey Kelly was called as minister of music and Rick Axtell as youth director. Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kelly of Hattiesburg, earned the Bachelor of Music degree from University of Southern Mississippi, and the Master of Church Music degree from Southwestern Seminary. Axtell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Axtell of Clinton, was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College in 1977. He served as a student missionary in Bangladesh under the Foreign Mission Board during the summer of 1976.

Terrell Suggs has become pastor of the East Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia. He moved from Columbia where he was pastor of East Columbia Church for five years. He is a graduate of Mobile College and New Orleans Seminary.



Suggs

Don Strickland has accepted the pastorate of Harvey, First Church, Old Corinth Road, Petal, where he assumed his duties October 2. He previously was pastor of Memorial Church in Perry County.

Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seamed with scars; martyrs have put on their coronation robes glittering with fire, and through their tears have seen the gates of heaven. — Edwin Hubbell Chapin

Clarke To Host 'College For A Day'

Clarke College will welcome high school juniors and seniors, along with alumni and friends, on Sat., Oct. 22, for the fall "College For A Day" activities.

The day will begin with registration and campus tours at 8:30 a.m., to be followed by a program in the Fine Arts Building, featuring a welcome by Clarke President, S. L. Harris, and SBA President Kenny Gregory, and a

special attraction "Ricky Raises a Racket for Clarke" with Allen Parnell and Sharon Wilson. The Clarke College Choir will complete the morning's events with a time of entertainment.

The college will host the guests at lunchtime and a Singspiration period will conclude the day's activities.

On Friday night preceding "College For A Day," a special Fifth Quarter Talent Show will be held following the

Newton High School Homecoming Game. The talent show, from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m., will be staged in Lott Fine Arts Building.

Director of Admissions Allen Parnell and student committees are busy finalizing plans for the event. All junior and senior students in the area are invited.

Good-humor makes all things tolerable. — Henry Ward Beecher

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Pascagoula Puts Deaf In Spotlight For Week

First Church, Pascagoula, observed Deaf Awareness Week with workshops for interpreters, recognition for workers in the deaf ministry and a special supper for the deaf.

T. H. Barron, a deaf deacon, brought the devotional and introduced the film "Noah" to kick off the Sept. 14-18 observance.

Rodney Webb of Jackson, director of language missions for Mississippi Baptists, led workshops for interpreters and for those in beginning sign language classes.

The sign language choir, under direction of Mrs. Rachael Patterson, church interpreter, brought special music at the Sunday morning worship service. Mrs. Ann Holland and Mrs. Patty Wilkinson, also interpreters, were presented the "Talking Hands

Pin Award" for their contribution to the deaf ministry for the past three years.

The week was climaxed with Webb preaching and signing at the evening service.

Pleasant Home To Note 74th Year

Pleasant Home Church near Laurel will observe homecoming day on Oct. 16. The event will commemorate the 74th anniversary of the church which was constituted Aug. 27, 1903.

Activities will include "Thoughts of Yesteryear" and the church history. All former pastors and music directors have been invited to speak and/or present special music.

The morning service to begin at 10:30, will be followed by an old-fashioned church dinner. An afternoon service will begin at 2.

The church is already making plans for the special 75th Anniversary to be celebrated in October, 1978, according to Martin Hayden, pastor, and Ken Jones, music director.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Enrollment for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's first two four-week terms reached an all-time high of 395 students in the regular degree program, a 10% increase over the same period last fall.

Go West Young Missionary

By Jonathan Pedersen

NEW ORLEANS — "We pulled into a gas station in Las Vegas, Nevada and met the man who owned the station. His family, all of whom worked at the station, had recently become Christians. They saw the Bibles that we had in the car and stated that they had been looking all over Las Vegas for a Bible, but could not find one. We gave them a Bible for the family."

Glenn Shows and Dee DeBold, students at New Orleans Seminary, learned first hand this summer that the gospel is not as widely spread as they thought it was. In a 20-day tour that took them 7,000 miles and across five western states, the two learned a dependence on God that they will never forget and they learned that America is still a wide-open mission field.

The idea of the mission trip came to Glenn in December of 1976. Glenn had

served as a summer missionary in 1970 in the Oregon-Washington-Idaho areas and again as a US-2er in Nevada. Dee, former pastor of the East Lincoln Church of Lincoln County, Mississippi, felt God calling him into the trip as well. As the men expressed their calling to other students at the seminary, doors began to open. An Oldsmobile station wagon was loaned to them for the trip, and more than a dozen churches throughout Louisiana and Mississippi donated Bibles, materials for Bible studies, and other necessities.

On July 25 the duo turned West and began a mission trip that would encompass 17 services and rallies in the Southwest.

"The biggest need that we found throughout the West was in the area of Christian fellowship. Often the churches are hundreds of miles apart," Shows said.

The Home Mission Board was in-

strumental in spotting areas of service for the seminarians and at every point of the journey Dee and Glenn found people hungry for the Word, and in many places people who had never even heard of Jesus.

In Arizona, the team spent time with the Zuni Indians (for whom they had brought a gift of tennis shoes for the children from a sponsoring church). "With Indians, as with other groups, we used Herbie (a ventriloquist's dummy) to teach lessons about Christ and explain the plan of salvation," Shows said.

To deal with the problems of the Zuni, particularly drugs and alcohol, Herbie assumed the role of a drug abuser. Dee and Glenn then proceeded to point out to Herbie the ways in which life in Jesus Christ could help him handle his drinking or drug problem. "The suicide rate in the U.S. is highest among the Zuni Indians," Shows said.

"The Shoshones of Nevada are an affectionate and warm people," he said. "though many of the Indians still worship the sun, the deer, bear, and other gods, many of them were extremely interested in hearing about this 'new God.' Some Indians stated that they were glad to see missionaries again as this type of work had just about passed off the scene in the reservations."

At the Indian reservations and the other mission points, the two men presented rallies. The programs contained games, singing, Bible stories, testimonies and a distribution of the Gospel According to St. John which had been provided by New Orleans Seminary.

Attendance was not big by Eastern standards; as few as five, as many as 60.

The men did take two days off for themselves; at Lake Tahoe, and again to see the Grand Canyon. Throughout their travellings, the ministers used the CB to lift up Christ and the spirits of many a motorist.

Next to the dire need for materials (even materials already out of date) and fellowship there looms the insatiable demand for workers; builders, masons, painters, doctors, teachers, anything, according to Shows.



Dee DeBold, left, and Herbie talk to Glenn Shows, right, about their mission trip.

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Today's Youth



Choctaw Girls Teach Tishomingo GAs

Martha Haggan, missionary to the Choctaws in Mississippi, recently met with the GAs of Tishomingo County Association at Tishomingo State Park. She and four Choctaw Indian girls taught the other girls words, songs, and dances used by the Indian tribe. Other features of the program were a nature hike and a lunch of hot dogs.

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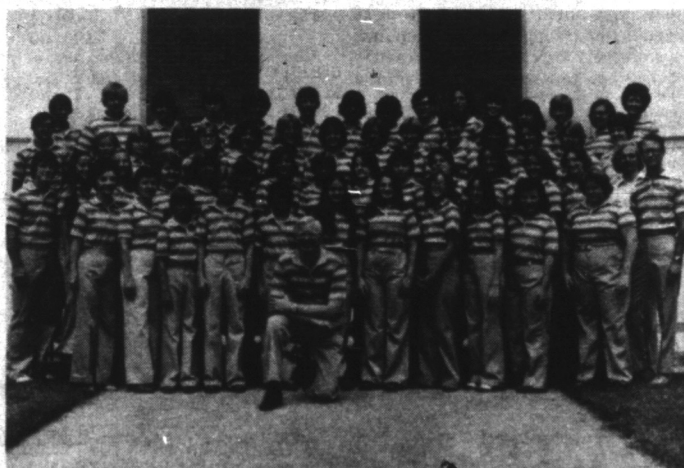
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East End Presents Bright New Wings

East End, Columbus, young people recently presented "Bright New Wings," a new musical, to an overflowing crowd in the church activities building. Left to right: (1st row) Lynn Curry, Janice Quick (townspeople), Terry Burks (a leper), Jayn Lollar (Martha) Peppy Biddy (John), Karen Burks (a sinful woman); (back row) Daphne Beene, Jennifer Keasler, Bobby Quick, Donna Partain (townspeople) Ken Griffith (Lazarus), and Billy Carroll (explainer). The musical is about Christian transformation.



Fairview, Columbus, Tours

The 60-voice youth choir, "His Witnesses," of Fairview Church, Columbus, made a tour of Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. The choir sang at Tate Street Church in Corinth, and Harvest Church in Huntsville, Ala. They visited Opryland, Nashville, and then returned to present the musical program at the Fairview Church. Bob Waldrop, minister of music and youth, is director of the choir. Gene Henderson is pastor.

Off The Record

A new resident in the village was invited to join the volunteer fire brigade. "I'll do it," said the newcomer reluctantly. "but I must warn you that I'm not as young as I used to be, and I don't expect I'll be much good climbing up a ladder."

"Don't let that worry you," the chief assured him. "Nine times out of ten, by the time we get there, there's nothing to lean a ladder against."

"Pardon me, sir," said the waiter, taking up the money, "but this doesn't include anything for the waiter."

"I didn't eat one, did I?" said the professor, glancing up from his book.
Passerby: "I see you are putting up a new building."
Workman: "Yes, sir. That's the only kind we ever put up."

Statistics show that men who kiss their wives goodbye in the morning live five years longer than those who don't. Some of you better pucker up before you tucker out.

A Sunday School teacher was asked who holds the best attendance record. "Spaghetti," she said. "It hasn't missed a Sunday School pot-luck supper in 30 years!"

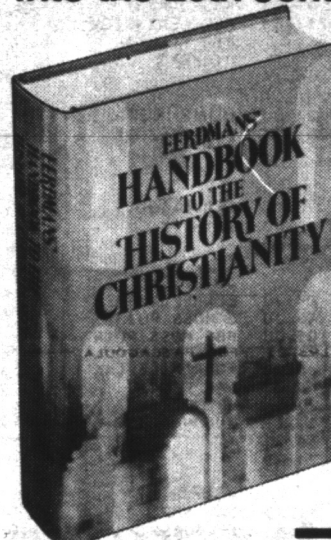
An old farmer and his wife were leaning on their pigsty when the old lady wistfully murmured, "Tomorrow's our golden wedding anniversary, John. Let's kill the pig." The farmer pondered the suggestion, removed a stray straw from his sleeve, and wearily replied, "What's the use of murdering the pig for what happened fifty years ago?"

After an operation, a man lay abed in the hospital with the usual intravenous tubes strapped onto him. A janitor, who had come in to clean up, muttered that he couldn't find an outlet for the vacuum cleaner. "Just plug it into me," said the patient, weakly. "Everything else is!"

"I'm giving you three days to pay the rent!"
"Okay. I'll take Xmas, Easter, and July 4th!"

"You say your wife's cooking is like a game?"
"Yeah. Tic Tac Ptomaine."

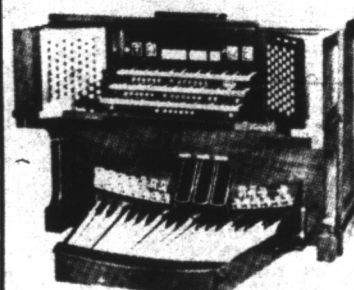
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My Mother Reads My Mail!

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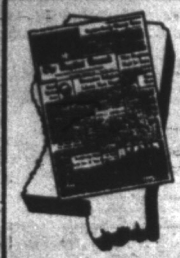
I wrote a letter to a friend in another state and told her about trying pot and booze. The letter came back undone and my mom read it. It made me so mad and then she got mad and grounded me. I feel like running away. I think she is too strict. What do you think I should do?

We believe that all individuals (including teenagers) have the right to privacy. But teenagers have a responsibility to be honest with their parents and to abide by the standards that the parents have established for their homes. So while your mother did not respect your right to personal privacy, you did not respect her judgments and standards.

This would be a good time to begin working toward better understanding through communication and compromise. For example, you could agree to behave in a trustworthy manner, and your mother could agree to trust you on the basis of demonstrated responsibility.

If these conflicts cannot be settled and you still feel quite frustrated by the situation, then look for guidance from someone outside your home. This might be a counselor, a pastor, or teacher. Often an objective listener can help people see new alternatives that are obscured by emotion. At any rate, confronting the problem is wiser than running away from it.

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Just For The Record

Homecoming evangelistic services set for October 16-19 will be held at Sunshine Church, Rankin County, on Hwy 80 East near the entrance to Crossgates. Jerry Mixon, guest evangelist, will begin his first of five evangelistic messages in the Sunday morning service. He will preach each night Sunday - Wednesday at 7. A new Children's Church Ministry for ages 4-9 will begin Sunday morning during the morning worship service. An old fashioned dinner-on-the-grounds will begin immediately following the morning worship service. "The Joyful Sounds" from Broadmoor, Jackson, will sing in the afternoon. D. M. Wiloughby is pastor.

First Church, Potts Camp, recently declared a day of honor for two senior deacons and a senior teacher. Randolph Walker and Hubert Gandy, Sr. had served as deacons for 20 and 18 years respectively, without a rest. Stella Shaw had taught in various de-

partments for nearly 30 years. Walker and Gandy will rotate to inactive for one year in the newly activated deacon rotation system. They will become eligible for re-election October, 1978. Mrs. Shaw, wife of Delbert Shaw, is retiring from full-time teaching because of the poor health of her husband. She will continue to do substitute teaching. Their pastor is Alvis K. Cooper.

Gooden Lake Church will have homecoming day on Oct. 16. C. R. King will bring the morning message. The Concord of Jackson will sing at the afternoon service. Dinner will be served on the grounds, according to Billy Canoy, pastor.

Jayess Church, Lawrence County, will observe homecoming on Oct. 16. H. Grady Ward, former pastor, now retired and living in Creola, Ala., will be guest speaker. Curtis Brewer, minister of music, First Church, Summit, will lead the congregational singing. Dinner will be served in Fel-

lowship Hall. An afternoon of music will be presented by various musicians, Mike Mitchell, pastor, said.

Paris — Three new personnel appointments for Cameroon were approved by the Executive Committee of the European Baptist Missionary Society meeting here. Approved were Mr. and Mrs. Barma, who will go to Mokolo for a teaching assignment in the mission - sponsored middle school there. Mr. Pierre Bonneau of Vitry-sur-Seine, a student at the Ecole Nationale de Commerce, will specialize in book-keeping and administration in the Douala office of the EBMS. All three are being sent as "co-operants" for short-term duties, permitted by the French government instead of required military service.

Missionary News

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Redding, missionaries to Peru, may be addressed at Apartado 783, Arequipa, Peru. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965, he was pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Errol Simmons, missionaries to Spain, may be addressed at Apartado 51, San Sebastian, De Los Reyes, Madrid, Spain.

Dorothea Lott, missionary to Brazil, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 606 Graymont Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401).

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. May Jr., missionaries to Puerto Rico, may be addressed at P. O. Box 6337, Loiza Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Buckley, missionaries to Bangladesh, may be addressed at Box 7, Comilla, Bangladesh.

Pastor Accepts Assistantship At Ole Miss

The pastor of First Church, Potts Camp, has accepted an assistantship in the Graduate School, Department of History, University of Mississippi.

Alvis K. Cooper, a graduate of Blue Mountain College, accepted the assistantship after the deacons of his church presented a recommendation to the church that he accept, and the church approved the recommendation.

Cooper will serve as assistant to the associate dean of the Graduate School, H. Dale Abadie, and will be required to enroll for six credit hours each semester. He hopes to continue his work until he completes requirements for a Master's degree in August of '79.

It is a curious fact that the human memory associates some past incidents with likeable flavors or foods. A woman of 40 took one bite of a cracker at a friend's dinner party and exclaimed, "This is it! The cracker I've been waiting for years! This is what we had every morning in the first grade with our milk." This basic fact of the association of past events with likeable flavors or foods entered into the training of young school boys in the Palestinian synagogues of long ago. The rabbis gave them honey at school so that they would grasp the idea that learning is sweet. — Katherine McLandress Tobey

Devotional

"Good Grief"

By Ralph Kelly, Pastor, Green's Creek, Petal

"But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies" (Lamentations 3:32).

Most people immediately recognize the title of this devotion as being words spoken by Charlie Brown in the comic strip "Peanuts." Is there such a thing as good grief? Grief quite often can be "good" if properly reacted to.

My wife, Pam, and I went to visit a lady one day who had called. I had just visited her husband in the hospital and left my card. She returned from the hospital and asked us to come by. We sat and listened to so many problems with all the family, but one specific thing was their losing a baby a long time ago. Years of grief were obvious as she said to me, "Why did God do this to me?"

I was happy to inform her that God did not cause suffering and death but he did allow these things to happen sometimes for a purpose. God does deal in grief whether we like it or not! Originally Satan was the author of all evil with the entering of sin into the race. It is never correct to say that God caused evil in your life but He often does allow it. Let's start giving credit where credit is due and credit is due the devil.

When God does deal in grief, it is never malicious. A surgeon does not rejoice in cutting on people in surgery. The cutting is painful, but it is necessary and has to be done by the surgeon but he does not enjoy it. God never rejoices in allowing reproaches and chastisements in our lives.

There is a great purpose in grief. Sometimes it is for chastisement for some unconfessed and unforgiven sin in the life of the Christian. Sometimes grief is allowed in order to develop certain qualities in our lives. These are listed in II Peter 1:5-7 as being: faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and agape love.

It's good to know that the pressures to bear will only last until we have learned the lesson.

For all the heartaches and the tears,
For all the anguish and the pain,
For gloomy days and fruitless years,
And for the hopes that lived in vain,
I do give thanks, for now I know
These were the things that helped me grow!
(Occidental United Presbyterian)

Revival Dates

First Church, Ridgeland: Oct. 16-23; Bobby Welch, pastor, First Church, Daytona Beach, Fla., evangelist; Al and Molly Fairchild from Alabama, children's service evangelists; Jerry Morgan, director of music and youth at First, Ridgeland, music leader; W. Everette Martin, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Briarwood Church, Meridian: October 16-21; homecoming October 16; services week days 7 p.m., Sunday morning 10:45; Bob Simmons, missionary to the Philippines, evangelist; Hubert Greer, evangelist singer; Thomas J. Wood, pastor.

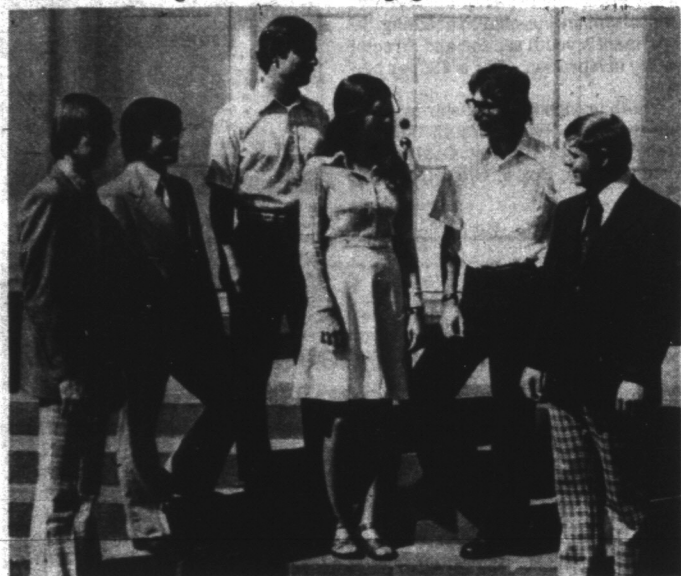
Clear Creek (Wayne): Oct. 23-28; W. A. Godsey, converted Jew, evangelist; Pat Powell, music director; services at 7:30 p.m.; B. Z. Byrd, pastor.

Revival Results

Reservation-wide Crusade, New Choctaw Association: September 11-18; Henry Marris from Oklahoma, evangelist; Clay Gibson, Association evangelism chairman; Emit Denison, music director for the crusade; public decisions made every service; 15 professions of faith; 38 rededications; two dedicating their lives to the Gospel ministry.

MSU BSU Alumni Meet

On October 22, 1977 at 11:00 A.M. the BSU Alumni Fellowship of Mississippi State University will have its annual alumni meeting and luncheon at the BSU Center. All alumni of MSU's BSU are urged to attend. No reservations are required, only your presence.



Look, Mom, I Made It!

Students from Mississippi recently gathered in front of the Boyce Library on the campus of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., to have their picture taken for the folks back home. All are part of a record-breaking entering class at Southern Seminary. Left to right are: Dudley Waddle (New Albany), Mike McCool (Biloxi), Vance Renfro (Indianola), Debbie and Allen Cade (Starkville), and J. C. Prather (New Albany).

Sunday School Lesson: International For October 16

Love Overcomes Barriers

By W. J. Fallis
Luke 10:25-37; John 4:7-21

For more than a generation the name of Helen Keller has stood at the top of the list of those who have overcome great personal handicaps. But fifteen years ago we discovered the person who had led her out of silent darkness. A film entitled *The Miracle Worker* told the dramatic story of young Helen Keller and her indomitable teacher Anne Sullivan. Some had heard of her before, but that film — following the stage production — gave her vibrant stature and reality. Her patient determination to put Helen in touch with her world might be credited to her zeal for professional success. But firm, undiscourageable love was the real reason, and it took all the love that Anne Sullivan had in head and heart to overcome Helen's barriers.

The Lesson Explained
A Command To Love
(Luke 10:25-37)

Of course "lawyer" here does not refer to someone who works in a courtroom but to an expert in the Mosaic law and all the traditions it had collected. "Tempted" is better translated "put him to the test." So, the lawyer was trying to trap Jesus with a controversial theological question. But Jesus gave it back to him in words like these: "What answer have you found in the law?" The lawyer quoted Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. Evidently, at that time interpreters of the law agreed that these were essential: Love God with your whole being, and love your neighbor as you love yourself. Jesus commended the answer and urged him to obey those laws in order to inherit eternal life. He did not mention penance or pilgrimage, nor did he say that merely reciting the laws was acceptable. To receive the life that God gives, one must obey the command to love — both God and one's neighbor.

An Unexpected Neighbor
(Luke 10:29-39)

Embarrassed that Jesus should so easily uncover his deception, the lawyer then asked: "Who is my neighbor?" Instead of giving either a traditional or a controversial answer,

Jesus told a story — today one of his best-known and most appealing parables. The "man" was probably a Jew, and Jesus' hearers knew how dangerous was the steep and lonely road from Jerusalem to Jericho. They probably were not surprised to hear about the robbers nor, perhaps, about the behavior of priest and Levite. But to make a hero out of a Samaritan was an unexpected twist.

Although the victim was stripped and bloody, the religious leaders ignored his need and crossed the road to avoid the sight. But a Samaritan — despised by orthodox Jews — felt sorry for the man and worked on him ten-

derly and left him in the care of an innkeeper for his full recovery. When Jesus asked the lawyer, "Which of the three was really a neighbor?" he could give only one answer. Then Jesus told the authority in Jewish law to imitate that Samaritan.

Loving God Means Loving Others
(I John 4:10-21)

The kind of love that John wrote about was not a function of man's experience; it was a gift from God. "God is love" and expressed himself perfectly in sending his Son for our sins. We must respond to that gift by loving one another. In that way God can live in us, and we can be channels of love to

others. If we do not love others, we do not really know God. Our confidence in the reality of God's love was strengthened by his gift of the Spirit and by the saving work of Jesus, the Son of God. So "we love him, because he first loved us." But John is still intent on relating that love to our relations with others. So, in verse 20 he asks a pointed question with an obvious answer. It probably was as easy then as now to talk in glowing terms of one's love for God while despising a neighbor. But John declares that God has commanded: "He who loves God must also love his brother" (v. 21, NEB).

Allen To Lead Conference For Hinds-Madison

Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Texas, will appear at the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association to lead a one-day conference on ministry and evangelism. It will be held Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Fowler's Lodge on the Madison County side of the Barnett Reservoir. Staff members who relate to education, music, recreation, youth, and evangelism, are urged to attend, and the meeting is open to all, according to Fred Tarpley, association director of missions.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$3.50. A bus will leave Broadmoor Church at 8:30 a.m. Those who prefer to drive can call 362-8676, and a map will be sent.

We are never so happy, nor so unhappy, as we suppose ourselves to be. — La Rochefoucauld

The head is always the dupe of the heart. — La Rochefoucauld

The nearer we come to great men the more clearly we see that they are only men. They rarely seem great to their valets. — La Bruyere

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For October 16

The Found Become Finders

By Bill Duncan
Long Beach, First

John 1:38-51

How did Jesus pick His disciples? There was potential in every man He picked to teach and live with during

His earthly ministry. Those men would not have been impressive to most persons. Yet God used them.

He is still using ordinary men. An unheard of "nobody" named Edward Kimball once taught a Sunday School class. One of his students was a young fellow who worked at a shoe store. One day Kimball paid him a visit at the store and led him to Christ in the back room as he was putting shoes away on the shelf. That man was Dwight L. Moody, who went on to become one of the greatest preachers and evangelists of all time.

Jesus saw potential in the ordinary fishermen and laborers that he chose to be His disciples. None of them had a great deal of talent, but talent wasn't really what Christ was looking for then, nor is He looking for it today. He uses talents, to be sure, but the qualities that Christ looks for in a person

are obedience, faith, and willingness to learn.

The beginning of the public ministry of Jesus was very simple. As John and two of His disciples were standing, Jesus walked along, and John said to His disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Immediately the two disciples followed Jesus. When the Master saw them following, He asked them what they were looking for. Jesus was concerned with their motive in following Him. Unless the motive is right, there can be no true discipleship. "Come and see." The first invitation was explore, investigate, draw your own conclusion.

Jesus always welcomes the seeker. He extends a hand to encourage and inspire the timid. Knowing the inquiring hearts of the disciples, Jesus opened the conversation with, "What seek ye?"

The initial experience of the disciples with Jesus was wonderful, but they needed more. They wanted to linger in the presence of Jesus so they said, "Where dwellest thou?" He welcomes men to personal inquiry about Himself.

Fellowship with Jesus had its natural result. Andrew began his witnessing. Andrew was always introducing others to Jesus. "He first findeth his own brother Simon." Jesus gave Peter a new life, new direction and a

new relationship which gave forth to new hope. With a new love in his heart, Peter got a new name. Now he would be called Peter (Cephas, a rock) — a name suggesting increasing steadfastness. Although it took Peter a long time to realize the character suggested by his new name, his whole future was set in a new direction of steadfastness because he had been brought to Jesus.

The next disciples to come to Jesus were Philip and Nathanael, whose spiritual experiences are unforgettable. Jesus found Philip and then Philip had to declare his experience. In his efforts to win Nathanael to Jesus, his words provoked a doubting question. Nathanael's words bore evidence of prejudices toward Nazareth. "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip knew that prejudices had to be removed by experience not by argument. "Come and see" was an invitation to probe personally into the truth. Seeing, Nathanael was convinced. He declared with assurance, "Thou art the Son of God." Nathanael saw Jesus as both human and divine and bore his witness in no uncertain terms. Things happened between Nathanael and Jesus that removed all doubts. Philip was not involved in that process. He had done his part when he brought Nathanael to Jesus.

One of the strongest evidences that a

person has been saved is his desire to share his faith with others. There are many ways of developing ways to introduce others to Jesus. Many times I have gone to someone's home and they have said, "I wanted him to meet you because he had a bad experience with preachers."

Sharing Christian friends is probably the easiest method of witnessing. Your homes can be a base of operation for introducing people to Jesus Christ. A person can use his social life to become an introducer.

People like Andrew are the real heroes of the faith. A church has one pastor but it may have many members who are the backbone of the church's witness. They are always finding ways to introduce others to Jesus.

Puppetry Conference To Be In Jackson

There will be a Puppetry Conference at First Church, Jackson, at 7 p.m. on October 20. The conference will be led by Everett and Joy Robertson, drama specialists, Church Recreation Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Come to the small dining room at the church.



Plainway Earns Training Award

Dennis Gatewood, Church Training Director of Plainway Church in Laurel, is shown holding the certificate of Distinguished Achievement that was awarded the church for 1976-77. Left to right with Gatewood are Mrs. Norman Sullivan, preschool director; Mrs. Jimmy Howard, Sr., children's director; and Jim Hill, youth director. Qualifying for the Distinguished Achievement Award was due to the tireless efforts of these department directors, their workers and the church members who support the Church Training program.